

MOXHAM SAYS HARDY COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Will Not Give Specific Reasons for Expressing the Opinion, but Says He Will Tell Them in the Future if Need Be.

Murder Theory, However, Is Fully Established by the Testimony of the Physician Who Performed the Autopsy.

No Water in the Victim's Lungs and a Clot of Blood on the Brain Show a Blow Caused Concussion and Death.

Elgar A. Moxham, at whose home in Ninety-sixth street, Fort Hamilton, young Frederick Hardy, Jr., supposed to have been murdered, was last seen alive said yesterday that he believed the youth had committed suicide.

Mr. Moxham was not at home on Sunday night, October 22, when Hardy left. But for ten days he has been investigating the mysterious case, and he has formed a decided theory of suicide.

Believes It Was Suicide.

Yesterday afternoon, with a friend, he went to the shore at Ninety-seventh, Ninety-eighth and Ninety-ninth streets, and went over the ground thoroughly. He visited Hegeman's boat house, at Ninety-ninth street. It was reported that the boat found off Keyport on October 22 by Captain Hopkins was missing from Hegeman's, but Hegeman denied that he had lost a boat of any character.

May Have Other Facts.

It was after going over the region that Mr. Moxham expressed himself as to the cause of young Hardy's death. He said: "I was away from home on a yachting cruise on the evening of October 22, when Hardy was at my house. I am sorry I was not there, so that I might have seen just what happened. I have been making inquiries, however, and I do not believe the young man was murdered. I believe he committed suicide. I think he went down the path at Ninety-ninth street, threw away his hat, his cards and his pocket book, which were afterward found there; that he tied the stone about his body and jumped into the water from the boat."

"This is not a neighborhood where one reasonably would expect such a crime to be committed. There are no persons who are occupied by well-to-do families. The neighborhood is not one to which criminals or rowdies come."

Mr. Moxham was asked:

"How do you explain that a clot of blood was found on Hardy's brain, and that no water was found in the lungs?"

His Information Inadequate.

"I have simply been told by a police officer that this is so. I do not know it of my own knowledge. It has been taken for granted, but as for myself I should want better evidence than I have now that such is the case. Of course, if blood was found on the brain, and if no water was in the lungs, it would indicate that the young man had died before he reached the water."

He said that he had no money he

could not have tempted thieves in a Fort Hamilton saloon by exposing it.

Result of the Autopsy.

Dr. William E. Johnson, of Keyport, who performed the autopsy on the body of Frederick Hardy said last night:

"After my first examination of the head of the body I assured the Coroner that the man came to his death by a blow from a blunt mass, likely a sanding or piece of lead pipe. After lifting the cap of the skull I discovered a blood clot two inches in circumference upon the left side of the brain inside the temporal bone at and just above front of left ear."

"This was the result of my first autopsy of the head on November 1. On the day following, assisted by Dr. J. D. Kelly, I made an autopsy of the body. I can say that there was no water in the lungs and that the man was dead or nearly so before his body struck the water. The lungs were spotted as if by nicotine. The man was in excellent physical condition before death and I would consider him an athlete."

Some time in his life he had an attack of pneumonia, as the lungs showed. The face showed that the man must have been in the water after he had fallen. There was no fracture of the skull as some persons have stated, but the condition of the brain undoubtedly was the cause of death."

May Be the Murderers.

The police have received information from a former convict who lives at Fort Hamilton which is being investigated. Hardy on the afternoon of October 22 was at the Dewey Hotel, a short distance from the Moxham cottage. He was there for about half an hour, drinking ginger ale. It is not known that he showed the roll of bills he is believed to have had. The same afternoon two men were seen by a former convict in the Dewey Hotel. He later at night taking a trolley car at Fort Hamilton. They came from the direction of the Shore Road.

The police believe it is possible that the thieves met Hardy after he left the Moxham house. They may have seen him in the street with his roll of money and attacked him later. Then they may have lived in Brooklyn, and they may figure as principals in the solution of the mystery.

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The material improvement established in American securities throughout the week was largely due to German buying, the chief demand being for Louisville & Nashville, Central Pacific and Southern Pacific. However, the natural hesitancy on the part of operators upon the eve of the elections caused a fractional decline in Americans along the whole line at the close.

Among the declines were Southern Pacific, which fell 3/4 point; Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe preferred, 3/4; Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe ordinary, 3/4; Illinois Central, 3/4; New York Central & Hudson River, 3/4; Northern Pacific common, 3/4; Union Pacific, 3/4; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3/4; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 3/4; Louisville & Nashville, 3/4; Baltimore & Ohio, 3/4; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 3/4, and Rio 3/4. Money was fairly abundant on call at 1 1/2 to 2 percent; on fixtures, 3, and on three months' bills, 4 1/2.

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